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WANTED - A NAME

Four theater tickets - plus the honor of removing the question marks from the masthead - go to the Farm Credit Club member who plucks from his or her nimble brain the name of this paper.

The Farm Credit Club, which will sponsor this magazine as a biweekly publication, believes it's the members' job to christen the newcomer. So if you can supply the best name, in accordance with the contest rules outlined below, you can get four theater tickets for it.

CONTEST RULES

1. Contestant must be a member of the Farm Credit Club.
2. Contestant's name, room number, and Farm Credit Club membership number must accompany his suggestion.
3. Entries should be submitted to Gifford Hoag, room 1003. Judges are Gifford Hoag, Chairman, W. J. McNamee, and Elizabeth Seitz.
4. Contest closes at 5:45 p. m., September 1, 1942. No entries received after the contest has closed will be considered.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.
6. Members of the ??'s staff are not eligible for the prize.

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EDITORIAL

This first issue of the Farm Credit Club's biweekly newspaper represents the launching of a new craft. The paper is partly incomplete, both as to features and staff. In these respects it will be fitted out at sea.

It is the purpose of this little paper to make Farm Credit life more pleasant, social, and complete for everybody. If this purpose can be realized, the staff and all others who cooperate to make the paper possible will feel well paid for their donation of time and services.

All employees are urged to suggest interesting items for publication to the reporters.

HOMESICK?

Fond memories linger--the great Government buildings that look like white stone elephants marching tirelessly down Pennsylvania Avenue, the prostrating weight of sultry summer air, the official limousines (parked in the wrong places), the scrambling herds of taxicabs, cars, streetcars, and unarmed pedestrians, the temporary office "quickies" mushrooming in the parks, the officially adopted "you-can't-live-here" apartment houses, the five-in-a-room, ten-in-a-bath rooming houses--these were Washington, D. C.

But also, for many, the Capital City was home--distinctive among homes and cities for its embellish-

ment of beautiful public buildings and parks such as no other city could boast, a city of "magnificent vistas," a city alive with the exciting tempo of the World's and the Nation's diplomatic, wartime, political, and social affairs--a city where Mom and Pop, wives or husbands have been left behind, temporarily or indefinitely.

So there's reason enough for the lump in the throat, the loneliness, and the restlessness of many of FCA's transplanted employees.

The antidote? Time, interest in your job, a headlong leap into the activities of the Farm Credit Club, and the exploration of all that Kansas City has to offer.

MORE ON HOMESICKNESS

The homesickness suffered by a number of employees of the Farm Credit Administration has recently been reduced by discovery in Kansas City of conditions strongly reminiscent of Washington. In D. C., many people found that the Government not only desired the FCA building for "more vital" purposes, but that the United States cherished apartment houses in which they were trying to maintain a home. This situation has been duplicated, in at least one instance, by the Army's acquisition of a large apartment house, very convenient to the Auditorium, in which several FCA employees found room to take nourishment and rest their weary bones. These folks report that they are now faced with housing shortage a la Washington.

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Join the Farm Credit Club

IN OLD MEXICO

Alma Day of the Cooperative Division and Gertrude Grove of the Land Bank Division were so impressed by the Governor's speech on the interesting aspects and educational value of a trip to Mexico that they set out across the border on Monday the 10th and will return the 25th. Some of the questions regarding life in Mexico which have hitherto been referred to Governor Black may, after the 25th, be referred to Miss Day or Miss Grove.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Credit is due the Contact Committee representatives for their work in securing memberships for the Farm Credit Club. A large percentage of personnel turnover resulted through decentralization and new employees had to be schooled in the benefits which they could derive through the Club. At the present time approximately 85% of the entire personnel have joined, and with such an efficient group of salesmen and go-getters, it will be only a short time before the goal of 100% will be reached. A number of divisions and sections have reported 100% already. Everybody who has not yet joined should contact his representative. You may be keeping your division from hitting the 100% mark.

Original Poem

As I was laying on the green
A small English book I seen
Carlyle's essay on Burns was
the edition
So I left it lay in the same position.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Call us "Price Sculptors" - anything but chiselers!

The General Service Committee attempts to convince a limited number of local business firms that it is to their advantage to grant our Club members either a price discount or the privilege of buying at wholesale.

In return for this privilege we agree to bring the arrangement to the attention of our Club members, but to them only. In this respect, each Club member shares the responsibility of the pledge, given by the Committee on his behalf, to keep the arrangement confidential.

The full advantage of any discount arrangement is made directly available to the Club members, with nothing retained by the Club, its officers, or committees.

The items on which savings have been made available to Club members have very literally ranged from soup to nuts. Anything which is bought by a large proportion of Farm Credit employees is within our present or prospective field of discount arrangements. Later in the year we expect to develop attractive savings on canned fruits and vegetables. Other deals are "cooking." Suggestions as to other arrangements that would be in demand and firms that might cooperate are always in order.

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XXX PERSONAL

Governor Black will return shortly from Washington bringing his family to their new home here.....Paul Rapp has been called out of the city for several weeks by the death of his brother.....

Production Credit

The piscatorial ability of Messrs. A. T. Esgate and Verne Simmons was put to test when they went Ozarkin' the weekend of August 7.....Richard de Sousa, who was inducted into the Army August 6, was given a farewell party at the home of Donald Russell recently.....

Examination Division

A. J. Fugitt has a new daughter, mother and daughter doing fine--father not so well.....

Information and Extension

Lucille Cramer is the friendly new secretary in the Governor's office. Inez Rist will now be secretary to Mr. Reid.....Thelma Tharpe will soon return to Washington and her former job in the FCC.....

Personnel

Bert Sisson is leaving for Washington, where he hopes to join the forces of the Coast Guard, probably at 1300 E Street.....Sarah Schneider will soon receive her mark of distinction as a Nurse's Aide under OCD.....

Purchase and Supply

The recent marriage of Marjorie T. Jones to J. David Britt of Washington is of interest to many employees....Florus L. Voiles will become a student pilot, taking the preflight training near his home in Illinois.....

Vise

Want to swap fish stories? Mary Gladys Page came back with some good ones after her fishing trip to Arkansas.....

Mail Section

William (Bill) Armbruster, a mail room messenger, was inducted into the Army August 21.....

Graphic

J. Francis Morgret resigned August 1 to report to the U. S. Marine Corps, San Diego, California....Thomas W. Pritchard and Mrs. Pritchard left for the mountains on the 15th of August.....Harold E. Yeager and Mrs. Yeager left the 15th for Iowa.....John F. Tyson and family have just returned from a nice vacation in Washington....Mr. and Mrs. Landon Porter have just returned from their vacation spent at their cottage on Lake Okoboji, Iowa--fishing no good.....Sam Weinberg and Mrs. Weinberg have left on their vacation for their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota....Bruce F. Denman and Mrs. Denman have returned from their vacation.....

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Buy more War Bonds

Stenographic

Married - Hildred Holler to Edwin A. Boatright of Joplin, Missouri, August 2....Mrs. Paul Madigan has gone to St. Louis to meet her son Freddie, who will make his home here with his parents....Dale Bateman has been transferred to General Files; his position has been filled by Kenneth Lowe of Urbana, Mo.....

General Files

Mary Lawrence has been transferred to Vise.....George Thomas, who recently joined the Army, will be stationed at the Jefferson Barracks. Mr. Cunningham, Miss Bursell, Mr. Bowen, Norman Ellis, and Dorothy Stockton have returned from their vacations.....Bill Finley is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery.....

Finance and Accounts

Among the girls doing their bit is Phyllis Taylor who will graduate in Nurse's Aide at Research Hospital September 1....Maude Freeman, who has been ill for several weeks, is expected back to work shortly....The F & A softball team recently scored a victory of 16 to 5 over the mail room team.....W. B. Patterson has returned after a week's vacation. May Spangler is in St. Joseph Hospital recovering from an appendectomy.....Lee Dashner is vacationing this latter part of August.....Frank Kearny has just returned from Washington where he has been vacationing.....Franklin Tillman took a journey to the fishing land of Minnesota for 5 days--not to fish--but to join the ranks of the

benedicts.....Pat DiPierro has been inducted into the Army at Fort Leavenworth.....M.M. Murphy, who was inducted into the Army July 31, is now in San Diego.....Ben Goldberger has recently returned from a pleasure jaunt to Estes Park, Colorado.....Minnesota seems to be a favorite haunt of the Reports Section; Walter Hein is now there for a bit of fun.....T. E. Adams, Custodian of Securities, is home for a few days.....Charlotte Renne has just returned from her vacation at her home in Wisconsin.....

Central Office Accounting Section

Marie Schmidt will be leaving soon for Phoenix, Arizona, to become the bride of Air Cadet Lee K. Smithson.

Revolving Fund

Mildred Crew's friends will be happy to hear that she is the proud mother of a son, born July 3, 1942.....

MUSIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

This year, for the first time, the musical and dramatics activities of the Farm Credit Club, formerly sponsored by a single committee, have been separated and a committee designated for each. It was felt that by so distinguishing these interests each would operate more successfully.

Since a few years ago, when a highly successful mixed chorus was organized, no group of Farm Credit musicians has been formed. Undoubtedly there are many capable instrumentalists and vocalists among Farm Credit employees who would enjoy participating in a small orchestra, glee club, chorus, or other ensemble.

As a matter of fact, a dance orchestra is now being organized by Charles Nelson of the Mail Section. Anyone who can play an instrument used in dance work (sax, trombone, trumpet, bass, guitar, etc.) and who would like to join such a group for the pleasure involved, should contact Mr. Nelson on extension 176.

It is contemplated that a questionnaire will be distributed in the near future to determine the interests of employees in various "extra-curricular" activities. Those of you who are in any way interested in music, either as performers or listeners, be sure to indicate your interest on this questionnaire so that a well-rounded program of musical activities may be planned.

DRAMATICS

Since a recent Farm Credit meeting gave us the opportunity to see the Little Theatre in this building, all of you who feel the call of grease paint and the stage must have had visions of putting on some magnificent performance amidst such surroundings. Whether magnificent performances will be staged during the coming year--or any kind at all--will depend on the FCC actors and actresses and those otherwise interested in dramatics.

In the past the dramatics division of the Farm Credit Club has staged several one-act plays and even were bold enough to put on a three-act play (which was highly successful).

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Spirit of the Month

WELCOME - EMPLOYEES

Are you an athlete in any sense of the word? If so, we hope you will take a particular interest in this column. Any suggestions for the promotion of recreation within the Farm Credit Club's scope will be deeply appreciated. Just call Dick Prewitt, extension 214.

For the benefit of employees who may not be acquainted with the various sports programs carried on by the Club, here's a brief recap of the past year's activities, and also some of the events planned for the coming season:

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W. H. Balderson is crowned match play golf champion by downing G. H. Armacost, 5 and 3, in the finals. Softballers are defeated by Agriculture 6 to 5 in round-robin tournament, then lose to FBI and pack their uniforms. Several were farmed out for more seasoning. George Arnold cops the medal (low net) in annual fall golf tourney. Gene Allen walks off with FCA tennis singles honors. Mortgage Corporation breezes home with the bowling trophy after one of

the most spirited campaigns yet. FCA basketeers finally win one in Government loop.

These are just a few of the past year's highlights, but present plans for the coming season eclipse any previous year's.

So let's all get together and participate in as many activities as possible. The chairman for the various sports will be only too glad to listen to any ideas on your part. These chairmen are: Golf, D. C. Carnes, extension 12; Tennis, W. R. Slemmons, extension 69; Softball, Bob Saunders, extension 236; Basketball, Norman Ellis, extension 236; Table Tennis and Badminton, John Kennedy, extension 92, Corene Nelson, extension 121, and Peggy Smith, extension 152, will be in charge of women's activities, so come on, girls, let's shower them with questions.

Features

Results of the first round of the Eighth Annual Match Play Golf Tournament are as follows: Mehaffey downed Howard 1 up; Prewitt was a 4 and 3 victor over Thomson; Brasfield outlasted Hume, 1 up; Simpson held a 4 and 3 margin to oust Armacost; Batten "took" Pepper by 2 and 1; Childs defeated Elkins by a 3 and 2 score; Dellinger squeezed out a 1-up verdict from Pitts in 19 holes; Carnes went down before Hein 4 and 2; Menk turned back Farr 2 and 1; Mason halted Barber 4 and 2; Lockwood nosed out

McNamee by 2 and 1; Moore ran up a 7 and 6 count over Fowler; Strong advanced with an 8 and 6 win over Clark; Gray eked out a 6 and 5 verdict over Collins; Holmes downed Bark by 3 and 2; and Warburton disposed of Guill by an identical margin. Watch the bulletin board in the south lobby for further results.

Short Subjects

The Mortgage Corporation boys should stick to bowling - all four of their entrants in the present golf tourney failed to survive the initial round. The FCA "Ragamuffins" finally crashed through to an 11 to 6 victory over the Mail Room softballers as 50,000 cheered. W. L. Moore and H. L. Gray both fired medal rounds of 75 over Old Mission and Indian Hills during their first round golf victories. You've heard of birdies, bogies, and eagles in golfing parlance, but recently an FCA golfer bagged a gopher.....A "scuffed" midiron shot did the trick.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Looking back over the past year in Women's athletics, it appears we were not very busy. No golf, no tennis, no ball teams (once upon a time we had a softball team entered in the Government league)--we did have a bowling league, however, of eight teams. Stenographic carried off first honors.

From now on, we hope to put on a more intensive program of sports.

Several suggestions have already been received, and it may be, if enough are interested, we will arrange both a golf and a tennis tournament for September. Interested golfers, send your name, room number, and extension to Lucille Holmes, room 1061B, extension 252; if tennis is your game, get in touch with Peggy Smith, room 2960, extension 152. Lessons in golf have been in progress at Smiley's Tee for several weeks, with 15 girls learning how to swing those clubs.

We know the bowling season will be a success, judging by the number of entries received for the league, and are looking forward to some keen competition. One of the instructors at the Palace Recreation, 1232 Broadway, will be glad to help you with your bowling. Right after work is a good time to go, and there is no charge. Just ask at the desk.

Do lessons in horseback riding appeal to you? If so, Margaret Flory, room 1101B, extension 352, will be glad to take your name, and if there are enough to warrant an instruction class, further arrangements will be made.